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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED POINTS RAISED PARA 1 AND 2 REFTEL WITH ACTING LEGAL ADVISOR TO MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS UTMDFAL SEPTEMBER 24, 1976. (LEGAL OFFINPRS NOT PREVIOUSLY AVAILABLE DUE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE (NAC) BACKLOG). ACTING LEGAL ADVISOR, ROHAN PERERA, TOOK NOTES DURING MEETING AND STATED THAT GSL MAS NOT SIGNED EITHER HAGUE OR MONTREAL CONVENTIONS, BUT OPINED HE BELIEVED IT WOULD BE IN GSL'S INTEREST TO DO SO. PERERA STATED HE WOULD PERSONALLY REVIEW CONTENTS OF CONVENTIONS CITED REFTEL, AND REPORT FINDINGS TO PRIME MINISTER (WHO IS ALSO MINISTER IN CHARGE OF MDFA).

2. GSL INSTITUTED EXTREMELY TIGHT SECURITY MEASURES AT BANDARANAIKE INTZINATIONAL AIRPORT (BIA) FOR NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE (AUGUST 1--1, 1976) BUT HAS SUBSEQUENTLY ALLOWED OVERALL SECURITY AT BIA TO SAPSE TO PREVIOUS DEPLORABLE STATE. FOR EXAMPLE, THERE ARE NOT RPT NO SECURITY CHECKS OF EITHER BOARDING PASSENGERS OR LUGGAGE, ACCESS TO
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TRANSIT LOUNGE IS EASILY GAINED BY ANY DETERMINED

FOREIGNER, THERE ARE ONLY FLIMSY (AND EASILY CIRCUMVENTED)
PARTITIONS AT ACIVING AND DEPARTING AREAS.

3. AT 27 SEPTEMBER CALL ON DICPCTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL
AVIATION D.B.IGP.S. SIRIWARDHANA, EMBOFF RAISED
SECURITY SITUATION AT BIA AND URGED HE CONSIDER IMPROVEMENTS
AS
WELL AS RATIFICATION OF 1970 AND 1971
MONTREAL CONVENTIONS. SIRWARDHANA STATED HE WELL
AWARE OF NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT IN SECURITY AT BIA, AND
THAT HE HAD RECOMMENDED TO PM THAT HIGH LEVEL
COMMISSION BE FORMED TO STUDY THE SITUATION AND RECOMMEND
REMEDIAL ACTIONS. ACCORDING TO SIRIWARDHANA, PM HAS
AGREED TO HIS RECOMMENDATIONAND APPOINTED A CABINET
LEVEL MINISTER TO FORM THE COMMISSION. SIRIWARDHANA
BELIEVES THAT IMPROVEMENTS IN SECURITY AT BIA WILL BE
FORTHCOMING SOON. WE ARE SOMEWHAT LESS SANGUINE.
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